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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:
Mark DE BOER et al.

Serial No.: 09/554,784

Filed: June 5, 2000

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF
TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE
DISEASES USING A MONOCLONAL
ANTIBODY TO THE INTERLEUKIN-12
BETA 2 CHAIN

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: A.M. Decloux

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration and reexamination in view of the following amendments and remarks. The period for response has been extended to July 14, 2002, by a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the payment of the appropriate fee. Please charge any additional fees necessary to our deposit account, 20-0087.

Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 4, prior to the "Summary of the Invention", please insert the following paragraphs: